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(54) **Method and apparatus for the recording and reproduction of video and/or audio signals**

(57) An additional information item, e.g. a title information item, is additionally recorded, which information item serves for subsequent insertion into a video picture during reproduction. According to the invention, the additional information data are converted, thereby producing an executable sub-picture unit (SPU), which is recorded in a corresponding sub-picture data pack (SP_PCK) in addition to the data packs for the video/audio signal (V_PCK, A_PCK). Thus, it is possible to record the additional information data separately without necessitating a change to the recording format to the effect that special data packs for the additional information items are included in the planning.

The invention also relates to a corresponding recording and reproduction apparatus.

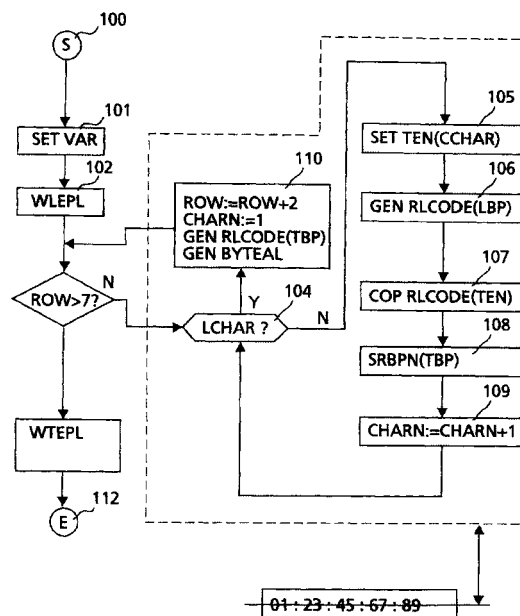


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